**“The Confounding Effect of Unforgiveness”**

**Ephesians 4:17-32**

**Prinicple #1—“God’s plans and justice are so much better than our own.”**

**Principle #2—"God expects us to forgive other people in the same manner and depth that He forgives us.”**

**Principle #3-"God is in charge of fixing the wrong done to us, which frees us to live and love again.”**

**Principle #4—Reconciliation is always possible with God.**

**Principle #5—Unforgiving others of the wrong they have done to me, negatively impacts my heart and life.**

**Ephesians 4:17-19 p. 1449 Living Apart from God**

**Vs. 20-24 Living With God**

*“created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness”*

**Vs. 25-28 Therefore—Change Your Life**

**Vs. 29-32 Living Differently**

*Vs. 31—The Downward Spiral of Unforgiveness:*

* *Bitterness-*
* *Rage & Anger-*
* *Brawling & Slander-*
* *Malice-*

*Vs. 32-God’s Way to Live:*

* *Kind & Compassionate-*
* *Forgiving Each Other-*

*Matthew 5:43-45, “You have heard that is was said, “Love your neighbor & hate your enemy.” But I tell you: Love your enemies & pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil & the good, & sends rain on the righteous & the unrighteous.”*

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